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Engineering scholarship provides career path for northeastern Kentucky student

Jay Brian James among this year's recipients

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Jay Brian James, a 2003 graduate of West Carter High School, is among only 12 students across Kentucky to receive a full scholarship from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to pursue a degree in civil engineering technology. James, who began his scholarship by working this summer for the Kentucky Department of Highways District 9, is currently attending classes at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The scholarship, worth approximately \$10,000, is also a career opportunity for students. While it will enable James and other recipients to receive an associate's degree in civil engineering technology, it also provides students the opportunity to work for the Transportation Cabinet during the summer months and a full-time job upon graduation.

Applications, qualifications and guidelines for the Transportation Cabinet's civil engineering technology scholarship – as well as its professional civil engineering scholarship – can be found online at www.transportation.ky.gov/scholarship. Each year, more than 20 students are chosen based on performance in high school, ACT scores, aptitude in math and science, and career interests.

In addition, to boost student "exposure" to the engineering profession, the Transportation Cabinet offers the Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network – through which highway engineers visit schools to discuss applications of math and science in daily life and the opportunities and challenges presented in the field of engineering.

To invite an engineer to your classroom in Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas or Rowan counties, contact Allen Blair at the Department of Highways District 9 office via email allen.blair@ky.gov or by calling (606) 845-2551.